

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 3, which starts "The device" with the following:

The device 8 also includes a pair of curved resilient members 12a, 12b formed from pre-curved spring steel. Each Both of the members 12a and 12b are welded to the members 20 and 22 respectively at their proximal ends 27a and 27b.

Please replace the sixth paragraph on page 3, which starts "As described" with the following:

As described above, an advantage of the device 8 ~~as is~~ it can be quickly and easily locked into a position supporting of the rib 14.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 4, which starts "In another" with the following:

In another embodiment (not shown), the expansion means 10 can be disengaged from the remainder of the support device 8, after the resilient members 12a and 12b have been driven into engagement with the roof 16 and

floor 18. As an example, each member 20 and 22 can include one or more holes spaced along it's length. A pin 34 or other such fastener can be inserted through two corresponding holes 36, 38 (when aligned) in the members 20 and 22 respectfully to lock the support device 8 in an engaged/abutted position. This permits a single expansion means 10 to be disengaged and utilised during the expansion and placement of multiple rib support devices 8.